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FOREWORD

That—

this second current Keen Keener annual may record and ever commemorate in print the pleasant memories and scholastic efforts of our high school days.

these annuals, edited and compiled by a cooperative effort of the faculty and student body, may become a DeMotte High School institution in promoting a higher spirit of school patriotism.

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DEDICATION

As a token of respect and appreciation the class humbly dedicates to our trustee and advisory board and to all those who by their keen forethought and efforts have made possible finer educational facilities this annual, the Keen Keener.

DeMOTTE SCHOOL

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NEW GYM-AUDITORIUM

OUR SCHOOL

The time has arrived when the community of DeMotte has achieved that for which it has long been striving, a modern school plant with adequate facilities whereby educational opportunities equal to other schools of the state could be offered to its children. The people and students now take exceptional pride in their school after having endured for many years such inadequate conveniences.

In September, 1914, in one of the four rooms of a new two-story brick building, the first high school work began. In less than four years enrollment in the grades increased, and the high school work was conducted in the basement, from which the first class was graduated in 1918. An addition to the building was made the following year, but still there was no provision made for physical education or for inside lavatories. By 1933 it was necessary to erect a two-room primary building north of the school house proper to house the first and second grades. But high school classrooms were still crowded, and the outdoor sanitation was very poor.

In 1935, the opportunity to provide a building more suited to our needs presented itself through the Federal Government Public Works Administration. This opportunity was grasped by trustee Simon Groet and his advisory board, with the entire populace cooperating.

The 1936-37 term began in a so-called new building, as the $65,000 addition includes the remodeling of the old building and the installing of a new and modern heating system for the entire school house. The new addition provides a gymnasium-auditorium, an assembly room, three class rooms, a library, shower rooms, and inside lavatories.

In addition to material improvements much necessary equipment has been purchased for the science, the home economics, and the vocational agriculture departments; books have been added to the library; and the stage in the gymnasium has been provided with velour and cyclorama curtains.

The Class of 1937 is proud to be the first senior class to enjoy these modern facilities and to graduate from this school—a school ranking with the best in the state.

In recognition of the efforts of the community and of the advancements made, our school is being granted a continuous commission by the State Board of Education.

GEORGE DYKSTRA, Editor.

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

Top Row, from left to right:

Mr. May, Principal, Mathematics and Science, B.S. and M.S. Indiana State Teachers College.

Mr. Ewart, Social Studies. B.S. and M.S. Indiana State Teachers College.

Mr. Llewellyn, English and History, Valparaiso University.

Bottom Row:

Mr. Odom, Vocational Agriculture and Science. B.S.A. Purdue University.

Miss Hockney, Commerce and Physical Education. Ball State Teachers College.

Mrs. Bernard, Latin, Home Economics and Mathematics. Valparaiso and Indiana State Universities.

Mr. Jarrett, English, Science, Music and Physical Education. B.S. Indiana State Teachers College.

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Top Row, from left to right:

Mrs. MacMillen, Third Grade. Ball State Teachers College and Valparaiso University.

Miss DeHaan, Fourth Grade. Ball State Teachers College.

Mrs. Kessinger, Second Grade. Ball State Teachers College.

Bottom Row:

Mrs. Bauman, Fifth Grade. Valparaiso University.

Mrs. Ewart, First Grade. Indiana State Teachers College and Valparaiso University.

Mrs. Wolff, Sixth Grade, Valparaiso University.

J. Robert Swart "Bob"

SENIORS

J. ROBERT SWART
"Bob"
"Betty Now and Forever"
President 4
Assistant Editor Keen Keener 4
Vice President 1
Treasurer 2
Baseball 2, 3, 4
Foreign Cor. Club 3, 4
Dramatic Club 3
Photo Club 4
Chorus 3, 4
Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4
"Marry Before Midnight" 3
"Lionizing Lionel" 4

The Dominy's Speech

FRANCIS DeKOKER
"Francie"
"Sophomore girls, his passion"
Secretary 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Chorus 3, 4
Athletic Club 2, 3, 4
"Marry Before Midnight" 3
Sports Editor Keen Keener

ELIZABETH LAGEVEEN
"Betty"
"I can't think"
President 1
Athletic Club 2, 3, 4
Etiquette Club 3
Photo Club 4
Chorus 2, 3, 4
"Marry Before Midnight" 3
"Lionizing Lionel" 4

THEODORE TOPPEN
"Teddy"
"Shakespeare, his delight"
Foreign Cor. Club 3, 4
Chorus 3, 4
"Lionizing Lionel" 4
Literary Editor Keen Keener 4

LILLIAN EVERS
"Leeb"
"She wants to be a nurse"
Foreign Cor. Club 3, 4
Photo Club 4
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
"Marry Before Midnight" 3
"Lionizing Lionel" 4

DANIEL WALSTRA
"Dan"
"Oh Yeah!"
Vice President 4
Basketball 4
Dramatic Club 3
Athletic Club 3, 4
Chorus 3, 4
Jokes Editor Keen Keener 4

GEORGE E. DYKSTRA
"Ted"
"His feet his largest asset"
Treasurer 3, 4
Basketball 2, 3, 4
Baseball 2, 3, 4
Athletic Club 2
Chorus 3, 4
Editor, Keen Keener 4
"Marry Before Midnight" 3
"Lionizing Lionel" 4

ELEANOR MIDDELKAMP
"Eleanor"
"Short but Sweet"
Secretary 3
Dramatic Club 3
Foreign Cor. Club 4
Chorus 4

PEARL VAN STEDUM
"Pearl"
"I'm gonna change my career"
Athletic Club 2, 3, 4
Etiquette Club 3
Photo Club 4
Orchestra 3, 4
Chorus 2, 3, 4
"Marry Before Midnight" 3
"Lionizing Lionel" 4

NORMAN BILLY BAHLER
"Peeler"
"Them Eyes"
Vice President 3
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Athletic Club 2, 3, 4
Etiquette Club 3
Photo Club 4
Chorus 3, 4
Business Manager Keen Keener 4
"Marry Before Midnight" 3
"Lionizing Lionel" 4

SENIORS

CHARLOTTE PUNTER
"Charky"
"Big, but good natured"
Dramatic Club 3
Foreign Cor. Club 4
Photo Club 4
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
"Marry Before Midnight" 3

BERNARD TYSEN
"Berny"
"Our Artist"
Basketball 3, 4
Baseball 2, 3, 4
Dramatic Club 3
Athletic Club 3
Chorus 3, 4

DOROTHY BEETSMA
"Dot"
"Kewie is her delight"
Dramatic Club 3
Photo Club 4
Foreign Cor. Club 4
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
"Lionizing Lionel" 4

ANNETTE TERPSTRA
"Netts"
"Oh Jerry"
Secretary 1
Dramatic Club 3
Athletic Club 2
Photo Club 4
Foreign Cor. Club 3
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Orchestra 2
"Marry Before Midnight" 3
"Lionizing Lionel" 4

ARNOLD HANAWAY
"Arnie"
"He can't forget Eileen"
Basketball 1, 4

ARTHUR BUNNING
"Art"
"Sleeping is his profession"
President 3
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Athletic Club 2, 3
Chorus 3, 4
Snap Shot Editor Keen Keener 4
"Marry Before Midnight" 3
"Lionizing Lionel" 4

ALMA BORMANN
"Bormann"
"Her smile, it slays them"
Dramatic Club 3
Athletic Club 3, 4
Chorus 3, 4
"Marry Before Midnight" 3
"Lionizing Lionel" 4

WALTER HUHN
"Wally"
"Girls, His pastime, present and future"
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Dramatic Club 3
Athletic Club 3, 4
Chorus 3, 4
"Marry Before Midnight" 3
"Lionizing Lionel" 4

EDWARD DE VRIES
"Eddie"
"What! No cabbages!"
Vice President 3
Baseball 3, 4
Chorus 3, 4

MARIE BOEZEMAN
"Marie"
"Quiet and Studious"
Etiquette Club 3
Foreign Cor. Club 4
Chorus 3, 4

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

By T. Toppen and E. De Vries

Among the great number of young people who, either by choice or of necessity, entered the public high schools in the fall of nineteen thirty-three, there was a group of twenty-seven in DeMotte who, as a whole, agreed to make the most of the opportunities offered them Our class began its high school life with Betty Lageveen as president; Robert Swart as Vice President; Annette Terpstra as secretary; and Calvin Huhn as treasurer. Mrs. Williams accepted the task of sponsoring our momentous activities.

A few weeks later our class was duly initiated by the seniors of the year. Still later in the year we chose for our colors blue and gold and for our flower the American Beauty Rose. A party was held in February.

After the vacation of four months, we began our sophomore year with Mr. Murray as sponsor; Francis De Koker as secretary; and Robert Swart as treasurer. We very solemnly chose black and white for our class colors. On November the twenty-eighth our class gave a Thanksgiving Day program. The task of entertaining the school on Washington's birthday fell to us. The proficiency of our basketball players was demonstrated by our winning the class tournament. We went to Bass Lake one day in the ensuing summer and had a wonderful time.

At the resumption of our studies the next autumn we elected Mr. Jarrett as sponsor; Arthur Bunning as president; Billy Bahler as vice president; Eleanor Middelkamp as secretary and Geoorge Dykstra as treasurer. Rose and silver were selected for the colors of the class. The appropriate maxim, "Success Awaits at Labor's Gate" became our motto. After extensive consideration, we decided to present "Marry Before Midnight" to the public on March the seventeenth, nineteen thirty-six. Our strenuous efforts were well rewarded by a successful audition before one of the largest audiences a class play has ever had here. On April twenty-eight, nineteen thirty-six, we gave a banquet in honor of the graduating seniors.

We came back the next term to spend our last year in a new school building which is a great improvement over the old one. We bought a ring by which to remember our high school life.

The class play for this year, "Lionizing Lionel", which will have been given by the time this is published, is now attracting much attention. Our high school education is nearing its conclusion. We now stand on the threshold of the life for which we have been preparing these last twelve years. May we all find the places in life for which we are best fitted.

YE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

OF YE SENIORS OF 1937

By Elizabeth Lageveen

We, the Senior Class of 1937, having learned things written in textbooks, in magazines, on blackboards, and also several things which have never been written, are about to emerge from this co-educational institution of public instruction known as the Keener Township School, into the vast open spaces of the world to learn what that greatest teacher, Experience, has to teach us.

But we do not wish to leave unsung the valiant efforts of the faculty who so earnestly tried to make us honorable men and women. We thank each faculty member, therefore, for the thorough administration of the subjects he taught, and for his parental advice; we praise each for his patience and endurance; and we declare to each our everlasting honor, friendship, and admiration.

And now, as is customary, the members of the graduating class bequeath to lower class members several of their noteworthy virtues and handicaps. We proceed as follows:

I. Edward De Vries wills his ability to grow cabbage to John Konovsky—just in case people stop using lumber someday.

II. Arthur Bunning wills his ability to sleep in school to Edward Grunwald. It's almost as good as playing hooky and he won't have to carry around an excuse blank the next day.

III. Pearl Van Stedum leaves half of her gift of free-flowing speech (gab to you) to Lucille Dexter, and the other half to Anna Boersma. We wish Pearl had left it some where before this.

IV. Theodore Toppen wills his knowledge of the dictionary to Robert Akers. It ought to "go places" when combined with Robert's drawl.

V. J. Robert Swart leaves his ability to perform on the trombone to Johanna Hoffman. Who knows? Some day she may own a bozooka.

VI. Walter Huhn leaves to Chester Daniels his ability to get the girl he wants. We hope Chester has better luck next year.

VII. Eleanor Middelkamp leaves her lovely curls to Albert Belstra. However, she requests that he doesn't cut them all off and give them to the girls.

VIII. In one year, Laura Kooy will fall heir to Alma Bormann's bewitching smile, and Dorothy Zeck will inherit Alma's lovely hair. Alma seems to think that they will have served her within that time.

IX. Daniel Walstra leaves his gift of witticism to Edward Boer. It really is an art.

X. Marie Boezeman leaves her quiet and inconspicuous ways to Sadie Peterson May she make use of this wonderful gift.

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SENIOR CLASS POEM

By Annette Terpstra

The work of a poet was assigned to me.
No other job could harder be.
But I've found some others who rendered their aid,
And, if I'm real lucky, a poem might be made.

So, if you'll bear with me for just a short time
I'll pass on to you our senior class rhyme.
It tells the ambitions, the hopes, and the joy
Of each senior girl and each senior boy.

"Berny" Tysen is first on the list.
We often have wondered by whom he's been kissed,
For on both his cheeks we see a cute dimple—
"It was Mother", says he. Now wasn't that simple?

Bob is our class president.
He is a trombone-playing gent.
Over his name he raises a fuss—
He's J. Robert to you, but he's Bob to us.

Alma is the Kniman lass,
Who two years ago, came to our class.
Over Latin she never sheds a tear
Although she is taking her second year.

Francie has a crush on Mary Jean Bernard;
But getting her now, is going to be hard.
For he's not the only one, we have seen,
That's been told, "I'm too young. I'm only fourteen".

We used to think of Betty and Harry.
And thought that some day they really would marry.
But now she has quit him for a boy of this class—
Who is this fellow?—Well, we'll let that pass.

Of our annual, George is the editor;
For this job, he had no competitor.
I think he's the tallest boy of our class,
His good looks stir the heart of many a lass.

Billy Bahler is a rather short lad,
Because of basketball, he's never sad.
Although some English almost gets him down
We seldom see Billy wearing a frown.

Dorothy is a cute young girl,
Her hair is done up in many a curl.
She says she's not able to find the right beau—
But, thinking this over—is it really so?

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SENIOR CLASS POEM (Cont.)

Arnie is our new class member;
He joined with us the last of November.
He left Eileen away out there
And fell for the smile we see Alma wear.

There is a girl who comes from towards Thayer,
She has blue eyes and medium brown hair.
She is a happy-go-lucky bright dame—
Who is this girl?—Marie is her name.

The huskiest member of the class is Eddie—
For work, we know, he's forever ready.
For the girls, it seems he would never rush
Because it might tend to make him blush.

Another class member is slender Wally,
We usually find him quite jolly.
At him, the girls take a second look,
For his list of talents would fill a book.

Pearl is the girl who's usually talking.
Whether she's riding or whether she's walking.
Always and always she seems quite glad,
So, considering all, she isn't so bad.

Dan is the boy with the humorous grin,
And he can take everything right on the chin.
He is so witty and good looking, you know
It's really a shame he's not somebody's beau.

Lillian wants to have a nurse's career;
She's had this in mind for many a year.
In this, we think, she will be a success,
For with her talents it can be nothing less.

Art Bunning is the restaurant worker.
In this, we hear, he is not a shirker.
A finer fellow is hard to find.
For Art's good nature is a very rare kind.

Eleanor is another class member—
She is hard on the masculine gender,
For she is short and so very fair
With pretty blue eyes and dark curly hair.

Charlotte's the girl who is stoutest of all,
She has light hair and is not very tall.
Her ambition is to take nurses' training—
We hope this will help, her weight to stop gaining.

Teddy has a heart that is good and true.
He's said he hates women through and through;
He's just about decided that he was quite right
After a recent escapade which made him want to fight.

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CLASS PROPHECY

By Pearl Van Stedum

February the 12th, 1955, a magnificent wedding took place in the city of Chicago. As one of the society editors for the Chicago Daily Tribune, I was ordered to attend and report this spectacular event.

The bride was none other than Lillian Evers, the season's most popular and glamorous society belle, and the groom was that dashing, rich, young heart-breaker, Richard Rice, who made his millions in the pickle business at Kniman, Indiana.

As I very unceremoniously entered the kitchen I saw Bob Swart, a burly coal miner, about to kiss the scrub woman, Annette Terpstra. A very touching scene to say the least. Chef Bernard Tysen, who is very accomplished in the fine art of cookery, was busy about his task of preparing the wedding supper.

Promptly at four o'clock Rev Francis DeKoker very ably conducted the wedding ceremony. The "gay divorcee", Dorothy Beetsman, was the bride's maid of honor. A noted concert pianist, Edward De Vries by name, played the wedding march, and immediately after the ceremony Charlotte Punter, a Chicago Civic Opera Star, sang "I Love You Truly".

The bride's dress of white satin was designed by the Hollywood designer, Arnold Hanaway, who is noted for his original and unique designs. Mrs. Hanaway, the former Alma Bormann, a quiet little dressmaker, brought into reality this exclusive design.

Arthur Bunning, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and Norman Billy Bahler, President of the United States, were among the guests present. They stayed only long enough to see the ceremony preformed.

The presence of Miss Marie Boezeman, Hollywood's greatest movie star, created quite a sensation.

After the wedding supper the guests were entertained by that nimble-footed tap-dancer, George Dykstra, and by Dan Walstra, the crooner, whose golden voice you so often hear over your radio. The last and best number on the program was rendered by the world's best comedian, Teddy Toppen.

After the DeYoung twins set fire to the draperies, their mother, the former Betty Lageveen, gathered them up with her other ten children, her shattered nerves, and her husband, and set out for home. The blaze was soon checked by Fire Chief, Walter Huhn, and his competent helpers.

After all the guests had departed, Police-woman, Eleanor Middelkamp felt well pleased with herself, for the DeYoung dozen had only wrecked half of the house and only three-fourths of the wedding presents were missing.

Top Row: J. Konvosky, R. Myers, W. Shuey, R. Akers, E. Grunwald, M. Barker, E. Boer.
Middle Row: A. Belstra, J. Recker, S. Peterson, D. Zeck, J. Swart, L. Prowell, C. Daniels.
Bottom Row: J. Hoffman, M. Wright, O. Hanewich, Mr. Odom, A. Boersma, L. Dexter, D. Schwanke, L. Kooy.

THE CLASS OF 1938

The Junior class is composed of twenty-two members. The class officers are: President, L. Prowell; Vice President, J. Swart; Secretary, L. Kooy; Treasurer, E. Boer, and Sponsors, Mr. Ewart and Mr. Odom.

The junior class is gradually recovering from the effects of the play "Aunt Samanthy Rules the Roost", which they gave December 8, 1936, with the following cast:

Samanthy Simpkins—an Old Maid ---------- Sadie Peterson
Serena Simpkins—her older Niece ---------- Marguerite Wright
Sophie Simpkins—her younger Niece ---------- Jeanne Swart
Lucien Littlefield—a Farmer ---------- Lloyd Prowell
Lawrence Lovewell—a Stranger ---------- Albert Belstra
Blair Boswell—who likes Serena ---------- John Konovsky
Frank Fairfield—who likes Sophie ---------- James Recker
Polly Paine—maid at the Simpkins ---------- Doris Schwanke
Buddy Baskins—a Grocery Boy ---------- Ralph Myers
Blanche Bowers—a woman of very few words ---------- Dorothy Zeck
Annie Ambrose—the village dressmaker ---------- Olga Hanewich

In October, 1936, the class had a "Treasure Hunt". We couldn't find the clues in the grave yard. One person broke her glasses, and several received cuts and bruises. Nevertheless, everyone really did have a good time.

In the spring we juniors will entertain the seniors with a banquet. After April 28, the class members will go to their homes for the summer vacation, and will live in suspense waiting to come back to school as seniors in September.

SOPHOMORES Top Row: T. Moolenaar, J. Nanninga, M. Tysen, M. J. Bernard, L. Segina, J. Knipp, M. Anderson, L. Mak, L. Hershman.
Middle Row: H. Beetsma, G. Suffern, C. Pruis, D. Walstra, E. Childs, F. Moolenaar, W. Kooy.
Bottom Row: Miss Hockney, M. Struble, A. Terpstra, A. Boezeman, D. Raska, R. Orsburn, M. Bahler, M. Eriks.

FRESHMEN Top Row: R. Evers, A. Akers, . Van Keppel, H. Zeck, S. Recker, J. Van Kley, D. Sytsma, A. Toppen, C. Terborg, Mrs. Bernard.
Middle Row: L. Story, M. Hoffman, D. Frame, M. Int Veld, R. Anderson, D. Wright, R. Dexter, A. Akkersma, E. Walstra.
Bottom Row: C. Moolenaar, C. Boezeman, P. Sekema, R. Huhn, R. Myers, C. Punter, H. Boer, C. Grevenstuk, R. Peterson.

HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF '39

When we entered our freshman year there were twenty-six students in our class. We organized and elected the following officers: President, A. Boezeman; Vice President, M. Stuble; Secretary, M. Tysen; and Treasurer, P. Coberly. Mr. Llewellyn was our class sponsor. Our motto was, "Green but Growing".

After we had been in school about a month the seniors gave us our initiation.

We gave a short program for Indiana Day for the assembly. The next day this same program was given for the Garden Club at the home of Mrs. White.

When we entered school in the fall of '36 for our sophomore year, we had lost four students and had gained one. Those leaving were: J. Sekema, T. Schoonveld, R. Eenshuistra, and P. Coberly. The new one entering our class was M. J. Bernard.

We elected the following officers for our sophomore year: President, M. J. Bernard; Vice President, Max Bahler; Secretary, M. Struble; and Treasurer, F. Moolenaar. Miss Evelyn Hockney was chosen as our class sponsor for the year.

This year at Hallowe'en we sponsored a masquerade party for the whole school. The main feature of the evening was a parade through town. In November our class presented a Thanksgiving Day program before the school.

At Christmas, Miss Hockney, our sponsor gave us a party at her home. A great time was had by all.

THE FRESHMAN CLASS

In the beginning of the school year, we found our number decreased by five, but welcomed three new members to our freshman class.

In a short time we elected the class officers; chose our class colors, green and gold; a motto, "Green but not Fresh"; and selected Mrs. Bernard as our class sponsor.

On the night of October 7, 1936, we held a wiener roast at the Grevenstuk woods.

Later that month the seniors initiated us, and played quite a number of pranks on us. Few of us will ever want to have our teeth filled again. At the close of the evening delicious refreshments were served—as a peace offering, no doubt.

On December 11, 1936, our class presented an Indiana Day program in the gymnasium. There were songs, poems, and a presentation of great men and women of Indiana. A replica of the Indiana State Banner was made and presented to the high school.

We hope that our next year will offer us a wider field for activity.

Bon voyage, classmates!

GRADE VIII

GRADE VII

GRADE VI

GRADE V

GRADE IIII

GRADE III

GRADE II

GRADE I

SENIOR CLASS POEM (Cont. from page 13)

Annette is always so jolly and merry—
Now what's the cause? Well—maybe it's Jerry.
She fumes and fumes when she gets mad,
But we know she's harmless—she's not half bad.

And last, but not least, is our sponsor, Mr. Jarrett;
Without him, our class just couldn't bear it.
He has been with us our last two school years
And guided us through our troubles and fears.

So to him we dedicate, this senior class poem
With the hope as he reads it, his great mind will roam,
And think of each one of this great senior class,
And say a good word for each lad and each lass.

CLASS WILL (Continued from page 11)

XI. Dorothy Beetsma leaves her lovely handwriting to Melva Barker. It may come in handy when he's carving on a desk some day.

XII. Francis De Koker leaves his amiable ways to William Shuey. There really are a lot of nice people in this world, Bill.

XIII. Bernard Tysen leaves his artistic ability to James Recker. We wish him many funny pictures in his civics workbook.

XIV. To Olga Hanewich, Billy Bahler leaves his brunette beauty and soulful brown eyes. Remember, Olga, "As ye rollest, so shall ye also reap."

XV. Arnold Hanaway leaves his ability to whistle to Ralph Myers. And don't let anyone ever bribe you to keep quiet, Ralph.

XVI. Charlotte Punter leaves her ability to play the piano to Marguerite Wright. Now Marguerite will be able to play her own accompaniments.

XVII. Annette Terpstra and Betty Lageveen will their respective heights to Doris Schwanke and Jeanne Swart. May DeMotte have a girls' basketball team next year.

XVIII. George Dykstra leaves his ability to play tennis to Lloyd Prowell. Tennis will be just strings of a different kind of racket to Lloyd.

XIX. To Coral Stevenson, Lillian Evers wills her ability to be the annual's Joke Editor, the position which was willed to Lillian last year. It should be as good as new, for Lillian didn't have the chance to use it.

Activities

Lady: So you are on a submarine! What do you do?
Sailor: Oh, I hold her nose when we take a dive.

To the thin: Don't eat fast.
To the fat: Don't eat—Fast.

Photographer: Do you want a large or a small picture?
Eddie: A small one.
Photographer: Then don't smile please.

Fond Mother visiting school: My son has many original ideas, don't you think?
Mr. Llewellyn: Yes, especially in spelling.

Bob: Whom are you writing to?
John: Elmer.
Bob: Why are you writing so slowly?
John: He can't read very fast.

B— and B— were sitting on opposite sides of the car one night when B— finally got up enough nerve to slide over to B— and to plant a kiss somewhere between her nose and her chin and then he scooted back.

"Oh", sighed B—, "that's a feather in my hat."

"Come here", replied B—, "and I'll make an Indian chief out of you."

Freshman: I'm a little stiff from bowling.
Coach Jarrett: I don't care where you're from, get busy with your practicing.

Landlord: A professor formerly occupied this apartment. He invented an explosive.
Prospective Tenant: I suppose those spots on the ceiling are the explosive.
Landlord: No, they're the professor.

Pa: Well, son, how are your marks?
Bob: Under water.
Pa: Under water! What do you mean?
Bob: Below "C" level.

The lady of the house went to answer a rap on the door when she saw that it was a Chinese.
"You go, Ella", she said.
The Chinese stuck his head through the door and shouted, "You go Ella yourself".

A doctor's office:
"Say ah."
"No. Ah."
"Noah."
"No."
"No."
"No! Just an ah."
"Anna."

Freshman: My sister has a wooden leg.
Sophomore: That's nothing! My sister has a cedar chest.

We could tell you more jokes but we're afraid you would only laugh at them.

1. Photographer's Club 2. Foreign Correspondence Club 3. Athletic Club

THE PHOTOGRAPHERS' CLUB

This interesting Photographers' Club was organized for the first time this year by a group of high school students who are interested in the art of taking and developing pictures.

Christmas cards, adorned with kodak pictures, were made by the club members with the aid of Mr. Hammerton and Mr. Ewart one night in December; the work was highly complimented by recipients of those cards.

The club members plan small excursions every two weeks in which they use their cameras to learn how to take different kinds of pictures properly.

The members feel that this club work is beneficial to them now, and the snapshots that they take will always bring pleasant memories to mind in later years. The officers of the club are: President, B. Bahler; Vice President, J. Recker; Secretary, S. Peterson; Treasurer, J. Swart; and sponsor, Mr. Ewart.

THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE CLUB

A continuation of the one organized last year, the Foreign Correspondence Club, with several new members, elected on September 18, 1936, the following officers: President, T. Toppen; Vice President, J. Swart; Secretary, L. Kooy; Treasurer, S. Peterson.

Although the club work has a personal interest for the correspondents, there is also a very practical angle to the activities. Geographical knowledge is increased; letter-writing ability is improved; and a better understanding of how our neighbors of other countries live and think is gained. Among the many countries from which we have heard are: New Zealand, India, Japan, Belgium, Philippine Islands, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Italy, Spain, Iceland, Austria, and England. First hand information about these countries, which to nearly everyone have heretofore been rather vague and distant, now makes them seem more real.

Let's get acquainted with more people, what do you say?

ATHLETIC CLUB

On September 18, 1936, thirty-eight pupils from the seventh grade up, met to organize an athletic club. The members elected as officers: B. Lageveen, President; M. Bernard, Vice President; W. Huhn, Secretary; S. Peterson, Treasurer. Miss Hockney and Mr. Jarrett were chosen sponsors.

The Athletic Club took the job of making schedules and selling season tickets for the basketball games of the year.

The Athletic Club also helped to support fair play and good sportsmanship by advertising basketball games, creating new yells, and helping support and build up the team. They had as their main idea to be and to make others good sports.

BOYS' GLEE CLUB

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

Top Row: A. Belstra, D. Walstra, G. Suffern, G. Dykstra, B. Tysen, E. De Vries, C. Terborg, F. Moolenaar, J. Konovsky, L. Prowell, J. Recker, M. Erks.

Middle Row: T. Moolenaar, R. Myers, A. Bunning, R. Swart, C. Daniels, W. Huhn, T. Toppen, L. Story, B. Bahler, F. De Koker, L. Hershman.

Bottom Row: A. Terpstra, J. Evans, W. Rowen, G. Grevenstuk, M. Bahler, Pianist, J. Swart, Mr. Jarrett, R. Recker, J. Evans, C. Moolenaar, B. Van Keppel, C. Swieringa.

Top Row: A. Terpstra, E. Lageveen, J. Hoffman, L. Evers, J. Van Kley, D. Sytsma, M. Van Keppel, S. Recker, M. Tysen, C. Punter, H. Zeck, A. Bormann.

Middle Row: M. Wright, M. J. Bernard, D. Zeck, E. Middelkamp, M. Boezeman, A. Boersma, L. Kooy, A. Toppen, A. Akkersma, A. Boezeman, O. Hanewich.

Bottom Row: P. Van Stedum, D. Beetsma, S. Peterson, J. Swart, R. Anderson, Mr. Jarrett, R. Myers, E. Childs, M. Hoffman, M. Int Veld, D. Wright.

MUSIC

During the past year the musical organizations of DeMotte High School have reached the highest standard they have ever had.

At the beginning of the year a boys' glee club of about thirty members was formed. Through the excellent leadership of Mr. Jarrett and the hard work of the boys, the club was able to contribute a number at one of the local community meetings.

Then the boys set to work to prepare a concert to be given in Hebron. A program of several groups, quartet, and double quartet numbers was prepared, among which were "The Volga Boatman", "Texas Ranger Song", and "On The Road to Mandalay". In January the long awaited concert was successfully given.

After a short rest the boys began to prepare several numbers to be sung at the talent day program in the All-County Chorus. DeMotte has the distinction of being the only school in the county with a tenor section in its boys' glee club. We hope that they may uphold the school's name.

The girls have worked equally hard under the baton of Mr. Jarrett. At the first of the school year they had the privilege of furnishing the music at the dedication program of our new building.

Later they contributed several well-received numbers on a community meeting program. During the last months of school the clubs were combined to prepare for Talent Day and the All-County Chorus.

The orchestra, due to the lack of players in school, found it necessary to invite several outsiders to play with them. The orchestra, Mr. Jarrett, and the school as a whole thank them very much for their time and assistance.

During the basketball season the orchestra was turned into a band and they played at all the home games. They are to be complimented on the excellent efforts put forward to help boost the school and the team.

This group also is preparing several numbers to be played on Talent Day in the All-County Band.

All the musical organizations of our school want to thank Mr. Jarrett for all the patience and hard work he put forth to bring our school to such a high standard in its music. May the school continue on its way up in the musical world.

SPORT

BASKETBALL

First Team, Bottom Row: D. Walstra, W. Huhn, W. Shuey, R. Myers, B. Bahler, F. De Koker, A. Bunning, A. Hanaway, B. Tysen.
Second Team, Middle Row: Coach Jarrett, M. Bahler, C. Moolenaar, F. Moolenaar, A. Belstra, J. Konovsky, R. Huhn, M. Stuble, Principal W. M. May.
Top Row: C. Boezeman, A. Terpstra, Mgr. Dykstra, G. Suffern, H. Beetsma.

Date		Place	Team	1st.	Opp.	2nd	Opp.
Nov.	6	here	Wheatfield	22	26	8	19
Nov.	13	here	Medaryville	17	16	12	3
Nov.	20	here	Fair Oaks	40	12	23	5
Nov.	24	here	La Crosse	40	11	21	16
Dec.	4	here	Mt. Ayr	24	21	22	5
Dec.	10	Whfd.	Mt. Ayr (K.V.T.)	28	24		
Dec.	12	Whfd.	San Pierre (K.V.T.)	28	9		
Dec.	12	Whfd.	Medaryville (K.V.T.) finals	19	32		
Dec.	18	here	Tefft	25	21	9	33
Dec.	19	there	Collegeville	16	17		
Jan.	8	there	Hebron	32	22	17	16
Jan.	15	here	Fair Oaks	34	23	18	16
Jan.	22	there	Tefft	27	23	13	33
Jan.	23	here	Kouts	27	12	13	5
Jan.	29	there	Mt. Ayr	27	23	19	24
Feb.	3	there	Morgan Twp.	17	33	9	30
Feb.	5	there	La Crosse	10	12	6	21
Feb.	12	there	Wheatfield	17	41	20	30
Feb.	13	here	Morgan Twp.	18	24	9	17
Feb.	16	here	Remington	21	40	11	23
Feb.	24	there	San Pierre	27	30	11	16
Feb.	26	there	Medaryville	18	29	7	33
Feb.	27	here	Hebron	40	14	18	16

BASKETBALL IN 1936-37

With one of the best groups of basketball players DeMotte has had, this year saw both ups and downs in our athletic history. With great hope and anticipation the teams entered the season to make quite an impression upon their opponents. The first team consisted of practically all of the first teams of '35 and '36 and was fairly well experienced. The boys were in good physical condition and prospects were indeed bright. With the new gymnasium and other equipment, the players could put forth their best efforts. At the home games the teams were well supported by a good cheering section and the local band, which played the school songs and other spirited pieces.

Hopes were very high before the start of the first game with four of the previous year's varsity out to make an effective showing. Though the boys lost their first game to Wheatfield, they set out to assert themselves by defeating Medaryville, a strong opponent for years. The next two games were taken from LaCrosse and Fair Oaks by a wide margin. At this time in the season Richard Rice, forward, was incapacitated by a siege of pneumonia, which barred him from participation the remainder of the season. A victory over Mt. Ayr was dearly won because George Dykstra, center, was injured during the game—seriously enough to prevent his playing again during the remainder of the season. With these two setbacks, Coach Jarrett found it necessary to promote Walter Huhn and Daniel Walstra from the second team to the positions previously occupied by Dykstra and Rice.

Our boys went into the Kankakee Valley Tournament expecting to go the limit; however, the high ambitions were curbed when, after beating Mt. Ayr and San Pierre we were beaten in the finals by Medaryville, our old rival.

A week later a game with Collegeville was lost by the close score of 17 to 16. A winning streak gave us the upper hand in the next four games with Hebron, Fair Oaks, Tefft and Mt. Ayr. In the latter game Captain Bahler injured his knee and was forced to lay out for a few games. After that winning streak the tables turned, and for seven games straight we remained in the lower bracket. As a night cap, however, the boys won from Hebron by the sweet tune of 40 to 14.

The DeMotte cagers entered the Sectional Tournament at Morocco with high odds against them. Three of the players on the team had developed weak ankles during the few days preceding the tournament. Even these odds couldn't stop the boys in the first game with Remington. The Indians were winning at the half by a score of 10 to 3, and then went on to win the game with score ending 17 to 14. The next game was with

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BASEBALL

Top Row: Coach Jarrett, G. Dykstra, B. Tysen, E. De Vries, C. Terborg, F. Moolenaar, Principal W. M. May.
Middle Row: A. Bunning, C. Daniels, W. Huhn, E. Grunwald, F. De Koker.
Bottom Row: R. Swart, M. Bahler, B. Bahler, R. Myers.

Although a limited number of players reported for practice the second week of September, those who responded were well experienced.

At the expense of Fair Oaks, DeMotte won by a wide margin the first game of the season.

With the breakup of DeMotte's first battery, Coach Jarrett set out to develop one of the finest in this district with De Vries and DeKoker. The other boys played hard to make the season a favorable one. The 1936 schedule follows:

Sept 18	Fair Oaks vs. DeMotte	7 to 16
Sept. 29	DeMotte vs. Wheatfield	3 to 12
Oct. 2	Tefft vs. DeMotte	5 to 4
Oct. 5	Alumni vs. DeMotte	2 to 3
Oct. 12	DeMotte vs. Fair Oaks	6 to 11

At the present time, the 1937 season has not been started and there has been no definite schedule arranged. It is believed games are being negotiated for the spring season with Wheatfield, Tefft, Fair Oaks, and probably ending up with a four-way tourney.

TERM CALENDAR

Sept. 4—School days, School days! And how that bell doth ring!
Sept. 15—First class meetings held. Class officers and sponsor elected.
Sept. 16—High school defeats Alumni in baseball. The score—3 to 2.
Oct. 9—Freshmen initiated by seniors. Do they still feel it?
Oct. 31—Sophomores sponsor a grand Halowe'en party which was followed by a costume parade through town.
Nov. 6—Red and White DeMotte five bows to Wheatfield with the score 26 to 22. A rather bad start.
Nov. 13—The Spirit of '76 in '36. DeMotte 17, Medaryville 16.
Nov. 19—Edward De Vries wins county "Corn King" championship cup.
Dec. 8—To a full house the juniors present "Aunt Samanthy Rules the Roost".
Dec. 10—DeMotte Cagers down Mt. Ayr for the first step toward the Kankakee Valley Tournament. DeMotte 28; Mt. Ayr, 24.
Dec. 11—Indiana Day program staged by freshmen class.
Dec. 12—Indians defeat San Pierre 29 to 9, and go to the K.V.T. finals. 8:00 P.M. DeMotte downed by Medaryville in finals—19 to 32.
Dec. 18—The members of the Photographers Club made their own Xmas cards.
Dec. 19—Collegeville plays host to DeMotte for the first time in history. Collegeville, 17; DeMotte, 16.
Jan. 8—Start new year aright. DeMotte, 32; Hebron, 22.
Jan. 27—Boys' Glee Club entertains at Hebron High School.
Feb. 12—Eight grade present a program in honor of Lincoln's birthday.
Feb. 16—DeMotte proves kind host to Remington. DeMotte, 22; Remington, 41. Off side, off night.
Feb. 22—Juniors honor Washington's Birthday with a "Spirit of '76" play.
Feb. 24—Everybody lines up to watch the birdie for the Keen Keener
Feb. 27—M. J. Bernard wins first place in the all-county 1st year Latin contest.
Mar. 5—Demotte defeats Remington at Morroco Sectional, 17-14. 8:00 P. M. Indians lose to Kentland. Final score: 29 to 19.
Mar. 20—The staff sends the Keen Keener to press.
Apr 1—Everyone is fooling everyone else. Must be April Fool's Day.
Apr. 3—M. J. Bernard, Laura Kooy, and Betty Lageveen represent Jasper County in the district Latin contest.
Apr. 10—Mathematics contest at Valparaiso. Contestants not yet chosen.
Apr. 16—Junior-Senior reception. The first one held in the new auditorium.
Apr. 20—Senior Play "Lionizing Lionel" given.
Apr. 23—Senior Day.
Apr. 25—Baccalaureate services at American Reformed Church.
Apr. 26—Commencement exercises in school auditorium.

BASKETBALL IN 1936-37

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Kentland. With only five hours rest to Kentland's twenty-three, the Indians again faced high odds. Due to this fact DeMotte's guards couldn't hold Kentland's forwards in the first half—the score at the half being 9 to 17.

With great encouragement from a high-powered pep talk from Coach Jarrett, the boys went out with the intention of beating them. Although the team played a much improved game in the second half, Kentland downed DeMotte by the score of 29 to 19.

For the season's accomplishments, the DeMotte team won 14 games and lost 11.

At the close of school, major letters were awarded to the following players: Captain Bahler, Bunning, DeKoker, Walstra, Dykstra, Huhn, W. Tysen, and Hanaway. Certificates for second earned letter were awarded to: Shuey, Myers, and Bahler, M. Minor letters were awarded to other boys.

FLASH! TRACK MEET AT FAIR OAKS

The officials of the schools of DeMotte, Wheatfield, Fair Oaks, and Tefft have decided to hold a track meet on April 17, at the Fair Oaks track. The event promises to be one of the most peppy of the season. The events are to be as follows: dashes—50-yard, 100-yard, 220-yard, and 440-yard; runs—half-mile and medley relay. Other features of the day are the running broad jump, high jump, pole vault, and shot put. A banner will be awarded to the winning team and contestants winning 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will receive ribbons. Come out and see our boys go to town!

FAREWELL MESSAGE TO THE SENIORS

You, members of the Class of 1937, are fortunate in having had the opportunity to avail yourselves of a high school education, and to be the first class to graduate from DeMotte's new building. I congratulate you for having now completed your four years of high school work which merits all the dignity and honor of graduation. Instructing, training, and advising you for the past years have been a pleasure to me and to other members of the faculty as well. We have worked for your good because we love you.

This school is just one of the shops in which training is given to help make you a good citizen and to enhance your chances of making a livelihood. Your education is not finished, but will continue whether or not you seek higher training. However, many of you should aspire to this.

As you leave us I admonish you to strive to make your parents, your teachers, and your community proud of you; to never sacrifice your dignity; to always be a lady or a gentleman and expect to be treated as such; to be quick to ask forgiveness but last to ask for mercy; "And this above all, to thine own self be true. Thou canst not then be false to any man".—Shakespeare.

Principal, W. M. May.

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